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#### **BUILDING PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS**

### MEMORANDUM January 28, 2004

TO:

The Honorable Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: R. Alan Shubert, P. E. - Building Permits and Inspections Director

FROM:

Tom Maguire, Housing Compliance Supervisor

SUBJECT:

3732 Tularosa Avenue

(Rep. District #8)

The following is a brief chronology of the investigation of the referenced location:

- 1) First investigated May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2003. The building was found to be open and abandoned and in an advanced state of disrepair. The building has been used as a harborage by unwanted persons.
- 2) A certified condemnation letter was mailed to Rosa I. Rocha and Ana A. Rocha, 9225 Sorbonne Drive, El Paso, Texas 79907.
- 3) Certified notices of the public hearing scheduled February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2004 were mailed to the owners and all interested parties on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2004.
- 4) As of January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2004, \$862.55 are owed in taxes.
- 5) There has been insufficient response from the owner.

#### The Department recommends that it be found:

- 1) That the main structure and accessory building be condemned as substandard, and unfit for habitation or use and a hazard to the public health, safety, and welfare; and
- 2) That the buildings are not in substantial compliance with the municipal ordinances regulating fire protection, structural integrity, and disposal of refuse; and
- 3) That the structure's certificate of occupancy be revoked; and
- 4) That the structure can be repaired; and
- 5) That the main structure be secured within 30 days and maintained secure until rehabilitated to meet the current codes; and
- 6) That the accessory structure be demolished within 30 days; and
- 7) That the premises be cleaned of all weeds, trash and debris within 30 days.



#### JOE WARDY MAYOR



## BUILDING PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS CODE COMPLIANCE September 26, 2003

Rosa I. Rocha Ana A. Rocha 9225 Sorbonne Dr. El Paso, Texas 79907-3351 CITY COUNCIL

SUSAN AUSTIN DISTRICT NO. 1

ROBERT A. CUSHING Jr. DISTRICT NO. 2

JOSE ALEXANDRO LOZANO DISTRICT NO. 3

JOHN COOK DISTRICT NO. 4

DANIEL S. POWER DISTRICT NO. 5

PAUL J. ESCOBAR DISTRICT NO. 6

VIVIAN ROJAS DISTRICT NO. 7 ANTHONY COBOS

ANTHONY COBOS DISTRICT NO. 8

Lot: 17 Blk: 1, Government Hill Zoned: R-5 COD03-15293

Re: 3732 Tularosa Ave.

Certified Mail Receipt # 7003 1010 0004 5303 8919

To All Owners, Lienholders, and Mortgagees:

An inspection at the above referenced address has revealed that the structure is in violation of the El Paso Municipal Code, Chapter 18.52.030 - Unsafe Structures - Owner Not To Allow Condition To Continue, which states:

It is unlawful for the owner of any building or structure, or part thereof, which has become unsafe and dangerous so as to endanger persons or property, or so as to be a fire hazard by reason of defective construction, overloaded floors, lack of guards against fire, defective condition of the foundations, walls, or parts thereof, or deterioration caused by fire or otherwise, or for any reason, to allow or permit same to remain upon any real estate within the City.

The El Paso Municipal Code Chapter 18.52.040 - unsafe structures - Remedial action by owner or City defines unsafe structure as a structure or part thereof that is:

- a. Dilapidated, substandard, or unfit for human habitation and a hazard to the public health, safety, and welfare; or
- b. Regardless of its structural condition, unoccupied by its owners, lessees or other invitees and is unsecured from unauthorized entry to the extent that it could be entered or used by vagrants or other uninvited persons as a place of harborage or could be entered or used by children; or
- c. Boarded up, fenced, or otherwise secured in any manner in if:

#### 3732 Tularosa Avenue

- i. The building constitutes a danger to the public even though secured entry, or
- ii. The means used to secure the building are inadequate to prevent unauthorized entry or use of the building in the manner described by subsection.

The structure located at 3732 Tularosa Avenue has the following violations:

- a. The foundation has not been maintained in a safe manner.
- b. The floors have not been maintained in a safe manner.
- c. The walls have not been maintained in a safe manner free of holes and cracks.
- d. The roof structure has not been maintained free of defects that may cause leaks.
- e. The means of egress is/are inadequate and do not meet minimum code requirements.
- f. The plumbing system is inadequate and does not meet minimum code requirements.
- g. The electrical system is inadequate and does not meet minimum code requirements.
- h. The HVAC system is inadequate and does not meet minimum code requirements.
- The structure is open and accessible to unauthorized entry.
- j. The premises are full of weeds, trash, and debris.
- k. The structure needs to be secured from unwanted entry and ongoing vandalism, and the premises need to be cleaned of all trash and debris within thirty (30) days from receipt of this letter.
- This case is being submitted to the City Attorney's office for unsafe structures proceedings. The City Council will decide if the structure is unsafe and if it should be vacated and secured, or demolished as per Sec. 18.52.040 of the El Paso Municipal Code.

#### 3732 Tularosa Avenue

If you have any plans, reports or current permits which pertain to the property, you must submit them prior to this hearing to Building Permits and Inspections or bring them to Council Chambers the day of the hearing. Without these documents, no extensions of the deadlines can be granted.

Many of these corrections will require a permit. Permits for commercial or rental property must be taken out by a bonded and insured contractor who is registered with the City of El Paso.

According to the real property records of El Paso County, you own the real property described in this notice. If you no longer own the property, you must execute an affidavit stating that you no longer own the property and stating the name and last known address of the person who acquired the property from you. The affidavit must be delivered in person or by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the Housing Compliance Office of the Building Permits and Inspections, 5<sup>th</sup> floor, City Hall, no later than the 20th day after the date you receive this notice. If you do not send the affidavit, it will be presumed that you own the property described in this notice, even if you do not.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 54I-4800.

FOR THE DIRECTOR FOR BUILDING PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS:

Leo CassoLopez Building Inspector

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10 Certified Fee Return Reciept Fee (Endorsement Required) 2 9 2003 Here Restricted Delivery Fee (Endorsement Required) Rosa I. Rocha Ana A. Rocha 9225 Sorbonne Dr. El Paso, Texas 79907-3351 Re: 3732 Tularosa Ave.

<ul> <li>Complete items 1, 2, and 3. Also complete item 4 if Restricted Delivery is desired.</li> <li>Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you.</li> <li>Attach this card to the back of the mailpiece, or on the front if space permits.</li> </ul>	A. Signature  A. Signature  A. Received by (Printed Name)  C. Date of Delivery
1. Article Addressed to:  Rosa I. Rocha Ana A. Rocha 9225 Sorbonne Dr.	D. Is delivery address different from item 1?  Yes If YES, enter delivery address below:  No
El Paso, Texas 79907-3351 Re: 3732 Tularosa Ave.	3. Service Type    Certified Mail   Express Mail     Registered   Return Receipt for Merchandise     Insured Mail   C.O.D.
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Domestic Return Receipt

102595-01-M-2509

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

#### To All Interested Parties:

You are hereby notified that at 9:00 a.m. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2004 in the Council Chambers of City Hall, #2 Civic Center Plaza, El Paso, Texas, the City Council of El Paso will hold a public hearing on the question of whether the Building located on the property at 3732 Tularosa Avenue, in El Paso, Texas, which property is more particularly described as:

Lot: 17, Block 1, Government Hill Addition, an Addition to the City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, according to the map thereof on File in Book 11, Page 58, Plat Records of El Paso County, Texas

is unsafe and dangerous.

According to the real property records of the County of El Paso, Texas, Rosa Irene Rocha and Ana Rocha Aragon, Individually and Ana R. Aragon, Independent Administratrix of the Estate of Mariana Rocha, Deceased, are listed as the Owners of the real property described herein.

The Owners of said property are hereby ordered to appear before City Council and any mortgagees, lien holders, and other persons having an interest in said property are entitled to appear before City Council at said date, hour, and place to show cause why said Building should not be declared a nuisance and ordered to be abated; and

The Owners, lien holders, mortgagees, or any other person having an interest in the property are hereby required to submit at the hearing proof of the scope of any work that may be required to bring the building into compliance with Titles 17 and 18 of the code as mandated by Section 18.52.040 of the Municipal Code, and to specify the time it will take to reasonably perform the work.

At the hearing, the owners, lien holders, mortgagees, or any other person having an interest in the property must present to City Council any evidence showing that the structure or part thereof is safe.

All documents such as building plans, specifications, drawings, reports from design professionals and any other required documents must be presented to City Council at this hearing.

The time periods, which govern the completion of work ordered by Council, are outlined in Subsection 18.52.040 (3) pursuant to State law.

If the Owners fail, neglect or refuse to comply with the order of City Council the City may pursue one, or more of the following actions:

- the city will perform any and all work needed to bring the property into compliance with this order, at its own expense, but for and on account of the Owners, of said property, the cost of which shall be assessed as a lien against the property and;
- assess a civil penalty against the property Owners for failure to repair, remove or demolish said Building in an amount not to exceed \$1000.00 a day for each violation, or \$10 a day if the Owners show that the property is the Owner's lawful homestead and;
- III) the Owners may be confined in jail as permitted by state law and;
- IV) appoint a receiver as permitted by state law.

Any civil penalty or assessment imposed will accrue interest at a rate of ten (10) percent a year from the date of the assessment until paid in full; and

That the City Clerk is ordered to provide notice of this hearing to the record Owners and all other persons having an interest in the property as provided by law.

According to the real property records of El Paso County, you own the real property described in this notice. If you no longer own the property, you must execute an affidavit stating that you no longer own the property and stating the name and last known address of the person who acquired the property from you. The affidavit must be delivered in person or by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the Housing Compliance Office of the Building Permits and Inspections, 5<sup>th</sup> floor, City Hall, no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> day after the date you receive this notice. If you do not send the affidavit, it will be presumed that you own the property described in this notice, even if you do not.

Adopted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2004.

THE CITY OF EL PASO

ATTEST:

Richarda Duffy Momsen

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Teresa Garcia

Assistant City Attorney

R. Alan Shubert, P. E.

Building Permits and Inspections Director

I, RICHARDA DUFFY MOMSEN, City Clerk of the City of El Paso, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice dated January 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2004 regarding the property located at 3732 Tularosa Avenue, El Paso, Texas, was filed with the County Clerk's Office, the
official public records of real property for El Paso County.
Richarda Duffy Momsen
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Executed this And day of Only 2004 on behalf of the City of El Paso, Texas, by Richarda Duffy Momsen in her capacity as City Clerk.

STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF EL PASO

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this Hinday of Taway, 2004.

DIANA NUMEZ

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My commission explains 10-18-2005

Notary Public

I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice dated January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2004 regarding the property at 3732 Tularosa Avenue, El Paso, Texas, was (MAILED CERTIFIED-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED) to: Eduardo Rocha 7115 Alameda Ave., #8 El Paso, Texas 79915 Date:\_\_\_\_\_ Time:\_\_\_\_\_ Inspector I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice dated January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2004 regarding the property at 3732 Tularosa Avenue, El Paso, Texas, was (MAILED CERTIFIED-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED) to: Ernesto and Ana Aragon 9225 Sorbonne El Paso, Texas 79907 Time:\_\_\_\_\_ Inspector I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice dated January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2004 regarding the property at 3732 Tularosa Avenue El Paso, Texas, was (MAILED CERTIFIED-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED) to: United States Attorney ATTN: Collections 727 E. Durango B-506 San Antonio, Texas 78206-1199 Inspector I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice dated January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2004 regarding the property at 3732 Tularosa Avenue, El Paso, Texas, was (MAILED CERTIFIED-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED) to: United States Attorney Financial Litigation Unit 727 East Durango A-601 San Antonio, Texas 78206

Time:\_\_\_\_

Inspector

I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice dated January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2004 regarding the property at 3732 Tularosa Avenue, El Paso, Texas, was (MAILED CERTIFIED-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED) to: Enrique N. Medrano Attorney at Law 2411 Montana Ave. El Paso, Texas 79903 Time:\_\_\_\_\_ Inspector I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice dated January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2004 regarding the property at 3732 Tularosa Avenue, El Paso, Texas, was (HAND-DELIVERED) to: City of El Paso C/O City Clerk #2 Civic Center Plaza El Paso, TX 79901 Inspector i certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice day January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2004 regarding the property at 3732 Tularosa Avenue, El Paso, Texas, was (MAILED CERTIFIED-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED) to: Governor of the Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo Indian Tribe AKA Tigua Indian Community 119 S. Old Pueblo Road El Paso, Texas 79907 Date:\_\_\_\_\_ Inspector I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice dated January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2004 regarding the property at 3732 Tularosa Avenue, El Paso, Texas, was (MAILED CERTIFIED-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED) to: El Paso Central Appraisal District 5801 Trowbridge Ave. El Paso, Texas 79925 Time:\_\_\_\_\_

Inspector

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# **CONDEMNATION REPORT**

#### **BUILDING PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS**

DATE OF EXAMINATION: January 12,2004

REP. DISTRICT: 8

ADDRESS: 3732 Tularosa (Front)

**ZONED:** R-5

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** Lot 17, Block 1, GOVERNMENT HILL ADDITION, an Addition to the City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, according to the Map thereof on File in Book 11, Page 58, Plat Records of El Paso County, Texas.

**OWNER:** Rosa Irene Rocha and Ana Rocha Aragon Individually and Ana R. Aragon, Independent Administratrix of the Estate of Mariana Rocha, Deceased.

ADDRESS: 9225 Sorbonne Dr.

El Paso, Texas 79907

**BUILDING USE:** Abandoned, single-family dwelling

**TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION:** V, Masonry Block Walls with Wood frame roof.

FOOTINGS: Reinforced concrete

CONDITION: Unable to determine condition of footing due to subterranean placement. A

structural engineer should be hired to evaluate actual condition.

FOUNDATION WALL: N/A

**CONDITION: N/A** 

FLOOR STRUCTURE: Concrete.

**CONDITION:** Unable to determine condition of Floor due to floor covering.

**EXTERIOR WALLS:** Masonry Block

HEIGHT: 8'

THICKNESS: 8"+/-

CONDITION: Poor. Major cracks noted. A bonded and insured contractor should be hired to

evaluate condition and make repairs.

INTERIOR WALLS & CEILINGS: Wood frame, plaster/drywall.

CONDITION: Fair. Some repairs are needed.

**ROOF STRUCTURE:** Wood frame, build-up roofing.

CONDITION: Fair. A bonded and insured contractor should be hired to evaluate condition and

make repairs.

**DOORS, WINDOWS, ETC.:** Wooden doors, and aluminum frame windows.

CONDITION: Extremely poor. All doors and glass on windows need to be replaced.

MEANS OF EGRESS: Does not meet code.

CONDITION: Poor.

PLUMBING: Extremely poor. A licensed plumber should be hired to replace system.

ELECTRICAL: Extremely poor. A licensed electrical contractor should be hired to bring system

up to code.

MECHANICAL: Non-existent. A licensed mechanical contractor should be hired to make repairs

to comply with code.

IF CONDEMNED, HOW MANY PERSONS WILL BE AFFECTED: 0

WARNING POSTED: Yes

**BARRICADED:** No

POLICE AID REQD.: No

**REMARKS:** The structure should be boarded and secured until the property is rehabilitated and the property cleaned of all weeds, trash and debris. A structural engineer should be hired to evaluate all structural aspects, if the structure is to be renovated.

Leo Casso-Lopez

**Building Inspector** 

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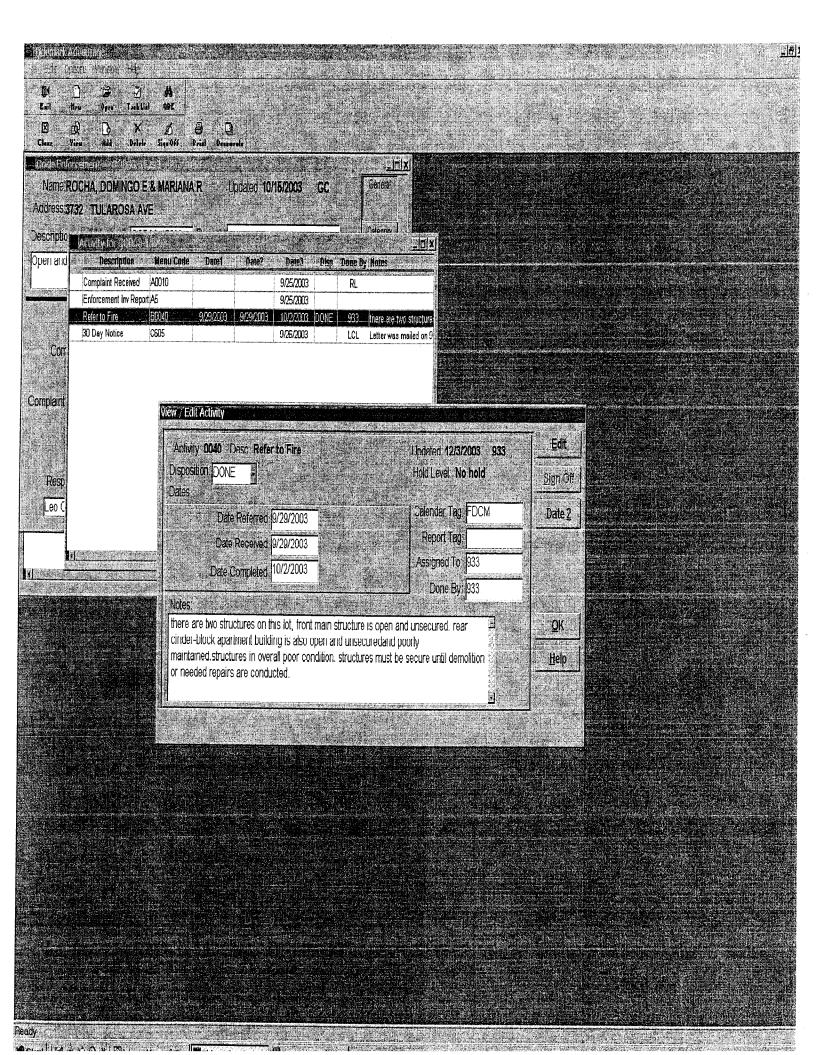
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2002	36981	Y	855.67	04/30/2003	94.11	949.78	.00
2001	36981	Y	842.98	04/30/2003	388.19	1231.17	.00
2000	51120	Y	1224.61	04/30/2003	732.95	1957.56	.00
1999	51120	Y	1218.96	04/28/2000	134.10	1353.06	.00
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ENTER NEXT ACCOUNT

LAST PAYOR OWNER



# EL PASO CITY-COUNTY HEALTH & ENVIRONMENTAL DISTRICT

# **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

#### MEMORANDUM

DATE:

October 1, 2003

MEMO TO:

**Tom Mcguire, Housing Compliance Supervisor** 

FROM:

Samuel Jarvis, Sr. Environmental Health Inspector

SUBJECT:

**Condemnation Report** 

Re:

3732 Tularosa Avenue

An inspection of the property was conducted on October 1, 2003 and the conditions checked were found in violation of Title 9 - Health and Safety, El Paso Municipal Code.

SECTION 9.04 - SOLID WASTE STORAGE AREA Trash was noted around the solid waste storage area.

SECTION 9.04.340 – ACCUMULATIONS High vegetation, debris and trash

SECTION 9.16 - NUISANCE Eye sore to the public; high vegetation

SECTION 9.16.010 – DESIGNATED Building is unsecured, broken windows and structural damage were noted.

SECTION 9.28 -RAT CONTROL N/A

If you require additional assistance on this matter, please call me at (915) 860-2378 or Fax (915) 860-1081.